25. 1684. 8. *An account of a ſort of* Paper *made of* Linum Aſbeſtinum *found in* Wales *in a Letter to the* Publiſher, *from* Edward LLoyd *of* Jeſus Coll. Oxon. *An account of two Books.* I. *Specimen UNIVERSÆ REI NUMMARIÆ ANTIQUÆ, Or an* Eſſay *toward a univerſal* Hiſtory *of ancient* Coynes *and* Medails, *by* Andreas Morellius. Paris *in Octavo* 1683. II. *An account of the reprinting of* Johannes Goedartius *DE INSECTIS; cum Appendice ad HISTORIAM ANIMALIUM ANGLIÆ, by* Martin Liſter *MD. and F. R. S.*

An Extract of a Letter from the Reverend and learned Dr. John Wallis, *to the Publiſher Dr.* Robert Plot; *concerning two very large Stone Chimney-pieces: with a peculiar ſort of* Arch-work *thereon.*

HAving been lately at *Edgecot* in *Northamptonſhire*, at the houſe of *Tobias Chancey* Eſq; he ſhewed me in an ancient Kitchin (now diſuſed) two Chimney's, vaſtly large, of Stone-work. Which I took the more notice of, becauſe of a peculiar way of Arch-work in the Front of them; whereby, without the advantage of a Diſcharger of Timber (which is uſual, in ſuch caſes, to defend the Arch-work from being over burdened,) an Arch of maſſy Stone (in each of them) ſuſtains it ſelf, at a great length, though almoſt upon a flat, (being very little raiſed in the middle.) Which, becauſe it ſeemed to me ſomewhat extraordinary, I cauſed a draught, of one of them, to be deſigned; as in the paper here adjoined. In which, the lower Arch-work (very little raiſed from a flat) is made of great Stones, ſo locked into one another, as appears in the Figure: that there might be the leſs danger of any one dropping out (or being forced down) to the deſtruction of the whole. Over which (after ſome walling interpoſed) there is another

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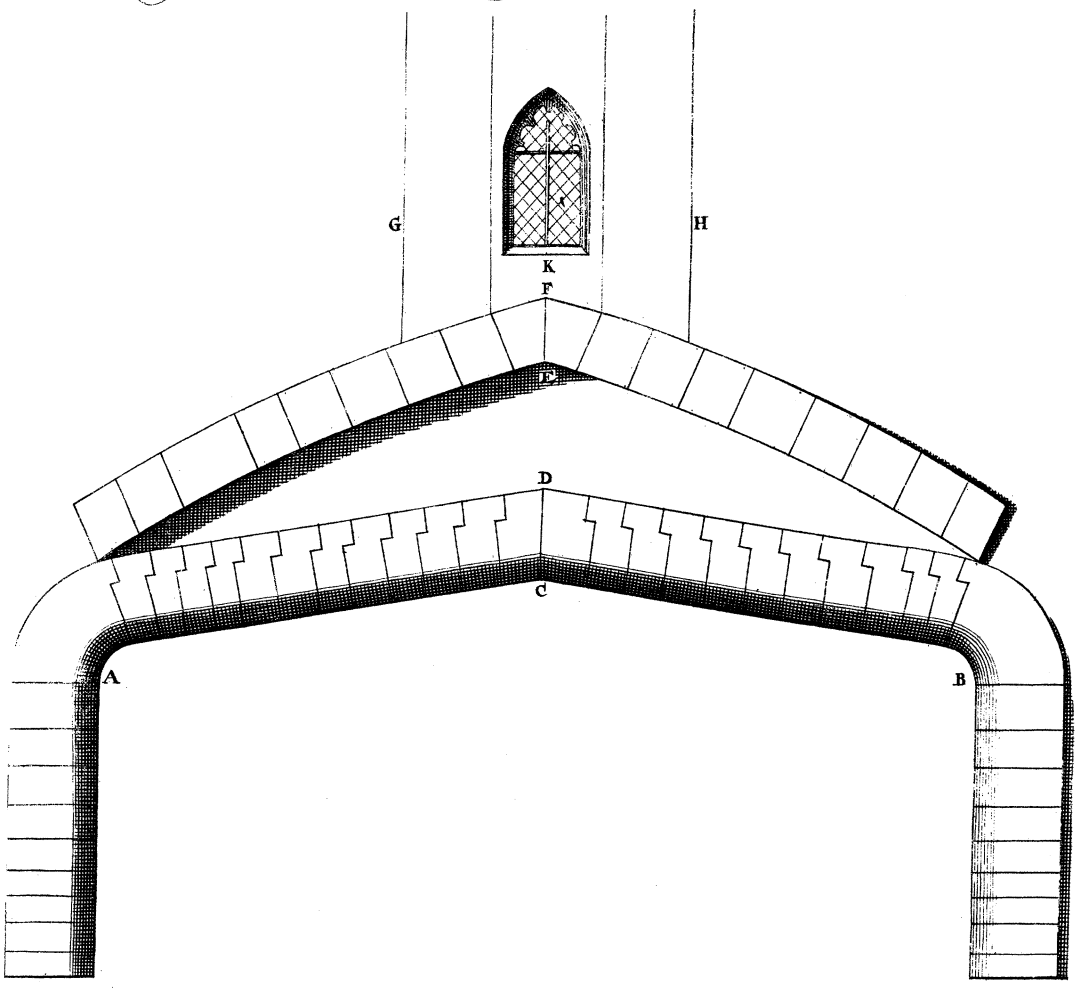
another Arch (to defend the former) more raiſed from the flat (than was the former) made of leſſer Stones, and with ſtraight joints; (not locked as the former.) Over all which, the walling was continued upwards (in an ordinary way of walling,) forming (with the Back) two vaſt Tunnels of Stone; and, between them (over the middle of the Chimney) a great Window. The Dimenſions of all, I have thought fit here to ſubjoin.

AB. The Breadth between the Jambs, from inſide to inſide, 18 Foot.
CD. The Depth of the Stones in the Lower Arch, 22 Inches. Locked one into another, with a crooked Joint, as in the Figure.
The number of them, as is there to be ſeen.
DE. the Diſtance, in walling, between the Arches, 2 Foot and 7 Inches.
EF. The Depth of the Stones for the Upper Arch, 15 Inches: with a ſtreight Joint.
GH. The place of the two Tunnels.
K. A window between them.

The other Chimney over againſt it, on the oppoſite ſide of the ſame Kitchin, was much after the ſame manner; but (as I remember) ſomewhat leſs; and with ſome difference in the Maſonry.

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